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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/692,767	Applicant(s) SIEGEL, STEVEN H.	
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 October 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant is advised that should claim 2 be found allowable, claim 5 will be objected to under 37 CFR 1.75 as being a substantial duplicate thereof. When two claims in an application are duplicates or else are so close in content that they both cover the same thing, despite a slight difference in wording, it is proper after allowing one claim to object to the other as being a substantial duplicate of the allowed claim. See MPEP § 706.03(k).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Himmel et al (hereinafter "Himmel", US 6037934).

Regarding claim 1, Himmel teaches a method for limiting access to an information network, comprising the steps displaying a web page (for example, displaying the home page, col. 5, lines 28-30); allowing navigation from said web page to a web page of a different domain up to a specified Navigation Boundary (allowing the user to traverse to another web page which belongs the list of URLs in the

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active bookmark set) (col. 9, lines 43-50 and 58-60), disallowing navigation to a web page of a different domain beyond the Navigation Boundary (col. 9, lines 50-54).

Regarding claims 2, 4-5, and 8, Himmel teaches wherein the information network is an intranet or a global information network (col. 1, lines 4-8).

Regarding claims 3 and 7, Himmel teaches further including the step of disallowing navigation to predetermined domains (Blacklist Bookmark Set, col. 10, lines 51-53).

Regarding claim 6, Himmel teaches wherein the web page is a home page of a browser program for the information network (col. 5, lines 28-30).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 9-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Himmel.

Regarding claim 9, Himmel teaches that traversing to another Web page can be performed by URL entry or via hyperlink (col. 5, lines 30-36). Himmel does not teach that navigation is allowed only via hyperlinks. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, having the teaching of Himmel at the time the invention was made, to modify the navigation interface taught by Himmel to allow navigation only via

hyperlink with the motivation being to create a navigation interface where the user is not forced to enter a lengthy URL (Himmel, col. 2, line 7).

Regarding claims 10 and 12, Himmel teaches wherein the information network is an intranet or a global information network (col. 1, lines 4-8).

Regarding claims 11, Himmel teaches further including the step of disallowing navigation to predetermined domains (Blacklist Bookmark Set, col. 10, lines 51-53).

Regarding claim 13, Himmel teaches that traversing to another Web page can be performed by URL entry or via hyperlink (col. 5, lines 30-36) or via web pages selected from a predetermined favorites list (col. 2, lines 4-7; col. 6, lines 19-22). Himmel does not teach that navigation is allowed only via hyperlinks and web pages selected from a predetermined favorites list. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, having the teaching of Himmel at the time the invention was made, to modify the navigation interface taught by Himmel to allow navigation only via hyperlink or via web pages selected from a predetermined favorites list with the motivation being to create a navigation interface where the user is not forced to enter a lengthy URL (Himmel, col. 2, line 7).

Regarding claims 14 and 16, Himmel teaches wherein the information network is an intranet or a global information network (col. 1, lines 4-8).

Regarding claim 15, Himmel teaches further including the step of disallowing navigation to predetermined domains (Blacklist Bookmark Set, col. 10, lines 51-53).

5. The prior art made of record on form PTO-892 and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Applicant is required under 37 C.F.R. 1.111(c) to

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consider these references fully when responding to this action. The documents cited therein teach controlling Internet access which relates to the instant application.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kieu D. Vu. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Thu from 7:00AM to 3:00PM at 571-272-4057.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Cabeca, can be reached at 571-272-4048.

The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are as follows:

• 571-273-8300

and / or:

571-273-4057 (use this FAX #, only after approval by Examiner, for "INFORMAL" or "DRAFT" communication. Examiners may request that a formal paper / amendment be faxed directly to them on occasions).

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